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**UNITED STATES, CHINA ANNOUNCE HISTORIC COOPERATION IN  
DISMANTLING OF INTERNATIONAL HEROIN-SMUGGLING RING**

JAMES B. COMEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and DUAN DAQI, Police Liaison Officer for the Ministry of Public Security for the People's Republic of China, announced today that 25 defendants have been indicted in Manhattan federal court for being members of a massive heroin-trafficking organization that smuggled more than \$100 million worth of Southeast Asian heroin into the United States from 2000 to the present. At present, 20 people have been arrested, both here and overseas. 10 people were arrested in Manhattan and are scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon in Manhattan federal court.

The charges were the result of a joint investigation involving unprecedented cooperation between the DEA, FBI, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the New York City Police department, together with the People's Republic of China, and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. This represents the first coordinated dismantling of a narcotics-trafficking organization by the United States, the People's Republic of China ("PRC"), and Hong Kong in history.

According to a five-count Indictment unsealed today in Manhattan federal

court, the defendants were members of an alleged heroin-smuggling organization, led by KIN CHEUNG WONG, a/k/a “Yeung Pak,” a/k/a “125” (the “125 Organization”). The organization’s operations are alleged to have spanned the globe from the Myanmar-PRC border, to the docks of Fujian Province on the PRC’s southeast coastline, and ultimately to the streets of Chinatown in Manhattan. The 125 Organization’s wholesale distributors allegedly sold pound-quantities of Southeast Asian heroin to representatives of retail distribution cells based in New York, North Carolina, Florida, and Canada, among other places.

The Indictment charges that KIN CHEUNG WONG controlled the 125 Organization from the People’s Republic of China along with his partners, RONG HUA CHEN, a/k/a “Cuttlefish,” MEI QIU ZHENG, a/k/a “Mei Qiu Chen,” and JIAN BAO ZHANG, a/k/a “Kin Po Cheung.” PRC law enforcement authorities refer to these four leadership targets collectively as the “Untouchables,” based on their past ability to avoid apprehension for their heroin-smuggling crimes.

According to the Indictment, it is alleged that, during the course of the conspiracy, the Untouchables received heroin from different suppliers in Myanmar, formerly known as Burma. Once the heroin arrived in the PRC, other members of the 125 Organization allegedly transported the heroin in trucks across the PRC to Fujian Province along the PRC’s southeast coastline. In Fujian Province, other members of the 125 Organization allegedly loaded the heroin into containers, which were then shipped to the United States. After the heroin arrived in the United States, wholesale distributors for the 125 Organization in New York allegedly sold the heroin to representatives of retail distribution cells from New York, Florida, North Carolina, Canada, and elsewhere for

resale to street-level dealers. Once the retail distributors provided payment for the heroin, the wholesale distributors for the 125 Organization are accused of arranging the heroin proceeds to be laundered back to the Untouchables in the PRC.

According to the Indictment, the members of the 125 Organization charged today operated in the PRC, Hong Kong, Canada, and the United States, and included, among others:

- All of the Untouchables, including KIN CHEUNG WONG, a/k/a “Yeung Pak,” a/k/a “125”;
- KAM FAI MAK and YAN-KO TSUI, a/k/a “Four-Eye Ko,” two alleged heroin brokers for the 125 Organization in Hong Kong who are the subject of provisional arrest requests issued from the Southern District of New York;
- CHENG ZHONG LIN, a/k/a “Lan Ren,” CHUN FU YIM, a/k/a “Bei Jai,” a/k/a “Kelvin Yim,” KIN YIU WONG, a/k/a “Kin Kwok Wong,” a/k/a “Jian Guo Wang,” a/k/a “Yi Guo,” a/k/a “Ah San,” a/k/a “Lao San,” a/k/a “John,” JIN LONG ZHENG, a/k/a “Ah Ming,” a/k/a “Michael,” a/k/a “John,” JERSEY QIU CHEN, YI WONG CHEN, a/k/a “Chin Wong Chen,” GUO PIN CHEN, a/k/a “Fei Jai,” and ERIC CHEN, a/k/a “King Meng Lo,” a/k/a “Meng Lo King,” a/k/a “Lee,” alleged wholesale distributors of heroin for the 125 Organization in New York and Florida; and
- KWOK WAH LI, a/k/a “Kwok Wah Lee,” a/k/a “David,” HANG CHEN, a/k/a “Yi Hang,” a/k/a “Andy Chen,” CHARLOTTE DELAREMORE, and CHO C. SIU, who were retail distributors of heroin in New York, and SHUI PING POON, KIT HAN YU, a/k/a “Mark,” a/k/a “Kenny Ho,” and JANE CHU, who are alleged retail distributors of heroin in Canada and are the subject of provisional arrest requests issued from the Southern District of New York.

If convicted, all the defendants charged in the indictment face a maximum sentence of life in prison and a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison on the narcotics trafficking charges. In addition, various defendants face an additional maximum sentence of 20 years in prison on money laundering charges.

Mr. COMEY praised the cooperative investigative efforts of the DEA, the FBI,

BICE, OCDEF, the NYPD, the PRC Ministry of Public Security, the Fujian Provincial Public Security Bureau, Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department and Hong Kong Narcotics Bureau, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Assistant United States Attorneys BOYD M. JOHNSON III, ANIRUDH BANSAL, and MIRIAM E. ROCAH are in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the indictment are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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